

Survey for Teens with Incarcerated Parents in San Francisco

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How did you find out that your parent was incarcerated?

my other parent

another family member

a social worker

a friend

no one told me

other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Who has been incarcerated:  Mom  Dad  Step Dad  Step Mom  Brother  Sister

3. Is your parent currently incarcerated?  Yes  No

4. Was your parent deported as a result of their incarceration?  Yes  No

5. Have you ever witnessed your parent’s arrest?  Yes  No

a. If yes, have you ever witnessed violence or abuse by a police officer against your parent when they were arrested?  Yes  No

6. Do/did you know where your incarcerated parent is/was located?  Yes  No

7. Are you informed when your parent is transferred or released from jail or prison?  Yes  No

8. Were you ever lied to about your parent’s incarceration?  Yes  No

9. Do/did you ever feel unsafe as a result of your parent’s incarceration?  Yes  No

10. Who has been your primary caregiver during your parent’s incarceration? (**check all that apply**)

My other parent

Foster Care

Grandparent

Another family member: \_\_\_\_\_

Friend

Group Home

On my own

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

11. As a result of my parents incarceration I have had to:

Move

Quit sports

Change schools

Stop a hobby  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

12. What form of contact have you had with your incarcerated parent? (**check all that apply**)

Visits, and did you get to touch your parent?  Yes  No

Phone calls

Internet

Letters

None

13. How often have you had contact (visiting, phone calls, and letters) with your incarcerated parent?

Never

Once a month

1-5 times per year

More than once a month

6-10 times per year

Every week

14. Do you wish you could have more contact with your incarcerated parent? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

a. If yes, what are the barriers you face to having that contact? (**check all that apply**)

- The distance to the jail or prison is too far
- The cost of phone calls is too high
- Nobody will take me to visit my parent
- I have to miss school to visit my parent
- I don't know how to find my incarcerated parent
- I have been turned away from visiting because of clothing restrictions or other rules
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. **Check off all** the statements that apply to you:

- My relationship would be better with my incarcerated parent if I got to see them or talk to them more
- I feel anxious or nervous about communicating with my incarcerated parent
- I feel uncomfortable when there are other adults in the room and I am visiting my incarcerated parent (i.e. social workers, other parent, other families visiting, etc.)
- I have had negative experiences visiting my incarcerated parent
- I have had positive experiences visiting my incarcerated parent

16. Who (if anyone) was there for you to talk to at the time of your parents arrest and during their incarceration? (**check all that apply**)

- Friend
- Mentor
- Family Member
- Social Worker
- Teacher
- Therapist
- A trusted adult from a program I attend
- Nobody
- Other : \_\_\_\_\_

17. What kind of support would have been helpful to **you** during your parent's incarceration? (**check all that apply**)

- Therapy or counseling
- Someone to talk to at school
- Family therapy
- Hotline to call
- Peer Support Group
- Information on how to find my parent
- Financial support
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

18. What type of support do you think would help you have a **successful relationship with your parent if/when they're released:**

- Housing
- Transportation
- Individual Counseling
- Anger Management
- Medical care
- My parent will not be released
- Rehabilitative services (i.e. drug or alcohol support services)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Family Counseling (before and after they're released)

19. Have you ever supported someone else who was dealing with their parent's incarceration? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

20. What was the worst thing about having a parent locked up?

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21. Do you have any questions or comments you would like to share with us?

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